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I have learned through Dr. Cook that the employees of the Deaconess Hospital are starting a publication in the interest of the employees and the hospital. I want to congratulate you and wish you every success. The Deaconess Hospital, in my opinion, is the greatest hospital on earth. I love it and will do anything for it. I am, therefore, interested in any movement for its benefits and in those who work to promote its interests.

HOWARD D. BREWER, *President, Board of Trustees.*

Yesterday a baby was born in the Deaconess. That doesn't happen very often, as you know, for we are not a Maternity Hospital. Today we see a new venture being born here in the first issue of a publication for the employees of the Hospital. We want this new message to be not only interesting but of real help and inspiration to each person who works here, and in this way create a spirit which will stimulate the whole hospital.

For those who bear the responsibility of editing and publishing I wish every success, and pledge my help whenever needed. If I am ever asked to help, I want to do it as an employee of the hospital—one of you—and not as the administrator, for this is an employees' paper and should remain so.

Best wishes to you all.

WARREN F. COOK, *Administrator.*

We present to you the first copy of your paper. It is small, and so will be an incomplete record of activities, we know. With your co-operation it will grow and become a vital part of this institution. Without it, it will fail. We hope, we know you will want it to succeed. Turn items in to members of the Staff. Space may prohibit printing them all, but if this happens often we will enlarge the paper!

Our first request for help is for a name. Let's put a name in place of that question mark! Send an entry for the Name Contest to the [illegible]rs not later than October 16th. Announcement of the winning [illegible] contestant will be made in the November issue and a prize [illegible]nd in your entries.

Suggestions

The Committee on Suggestions says fewer suggestions are being sent in, and many are "repeats." Every worker has thought at some time of a way to improve or simplify his job. Let us have that thought. From now on, the winning suggestion will be printed here each month. This month's was sent in by Jeff Melder of the Laundry, who said, "Since wash cloths are disappearing so fast and are not being evenly distributed, I suggest the following system. Give each floor a net and a certain number of cloths. For each soiled one turned in, a clean one will be given. This will save the Laundry $15. a week."

We--the Employees

ADMINISTRATION—The marriage of Dorothy Bailey will take place on October 6th to Hilery L. Welborn. Many of the hospital personnel attended a shower held in her honor and will also attend the wedding reception. H. L. attended the Christmas Party last year and those of us that met him found him charming. The best wishes of all her friends (which means all who know her) go with Dot as she starts her new life in Bogalusa, La.

The many friends of Miss Hagen are glad to have her back in this neighborhood. She has taken an apartment at 14 Autumn Street.

Miss Leonore Lelley, our Credit Manager, resigned her position to be married, on August 31st, to M. M. Wadey. She is now at home at 129 Idaho Street, Santa Monica, Cal.

Beth Paige, former Secretary, has opened her new shop at 14 Arlington Street, under the name of Kenyon-Paige, original designs and custom made clothes. Good luck in this new venture, Beth.

DIETARY—Our good wishes go with the three dietitians who left during September: Miss Ellis, who becomes head dietitian at Lowell General Hospital; Miss Suisman and Mrs. Shoemaker, who will be at home. We welcome their successors; Miss Ann Ross, graduate of Simmons and the Dietitian's Course at Duke University; and Miss Doris Jackson, graduate of Simmons and the Dietitians Course at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Miss Jackson was with us in 1944.

George Makrokanis, formerly vegetable cook in Deaconess, has been promoted to Head Cook in the Palmer Diet Kitchen.

Neila Blanche went to her home in Newfoundland for the summer and so far has been unable to get back to the United States.

HOUSEKEEPING—Mrs. O'Dowd, the former Gertrude Guthro, has just become the mother of a second son. How about a girl, Gertrude?

Mrs. Schandelmaier plans to complete her vacation soon. She and her husband will motor to North Carolina to visit our former dietitian, Miss Vance.

LABORATORIES — Pathology is under the spell of that magic number "three." Three familiar faces bring us back to normal: 1. Release from the Navy two months ago brought Dr. Meissner back as Assistant Pathologist. It seems like old times to have him with us again. 2. Presuming [illegible] Radium Department [illegible] ology, we want ever[illegible] that Mr. Cowing

his assignment on the A-bomb test at Bikini to find a hearty welcome from us all. He traveled many miles but didn't change at all. 3. To complete it all, we most proudly announce that Dr. Warren belongs to the Hospital again, having been discharged from the Navy very recently. If he can stay in one place more than a minute, you may catch a glimpse of him; otherwise, any unexplained breeze is sure to be the Pathologist on his way to some important business. His work on the effects of the Atom Bomb have been and will be much publicized.

LAUNDRY — Jeff Melder, our linen man, is recoving from his recent accident. The Doctors have "moved" a bone from leg to arm and say the arm will soon be as good as new.

Our press operator, Mary Connolly, is now at home, convalescing after a major operation.

Congratulations to Mr. Emery, whose recent article on "Standard Uniforms for Nurses" in the National Laundry Trade Journal has created much favorable comment. Illustrated with pictures of our Laundry, it brought us much publicity.

PHARMACY AND PURCHASING—Doris Mitchell and Virginia Kinter are resigning their positions to become homemakers.

Tom Dailey, Bill Martin and Lewis Peterson are enrolled in the College of Pharmacy. They'll still be here part time, though, so we'll see them.

Marj Ford and Kay O'Leary were in that midnight line at the Post Office. Yes, they got tickets to the Series—lucky girls.

Roy Smith is attending the College of Pharmacy, but will be on call to help us out.

RECORD LIBRARIES — Kay Knudsen writes deliriously of California. Borrow our letter to read for she knows how to write of her travels. A travel bureau should sign her up. Dorene Thompson is also heading West, stopping in Arizona for her "favorite nephew's" wedding and then on to California where she plans to visit Mrs. Wadey (Lelley to us).

SOCIAL SERVICE — We are sending a Christmas package to a social worker in Paris for hungry and needy children. Wouldn't it be wonderful if each employee gave an article? Get a list of articles needed from Mrs. Jameson, Mrs. Paine or Miss Quimby and turn in your gift before Nov. 1st.

TRAINING SCHOOL — Forty-two new students entered our School on September 5th. They were welcomed at a Tea held in Harris Hall and are now well started in their classes at Simmons.

VOLUNTEERS — Summer has come and gone but the need for Volunteers continues. During the Summer a few faithful souls carried us along as Aides and Gray Ladies. The Women's Corps and the Friends of the Deaconess have continued their meetings to make Surgical Dressings. Most of these Volunteers have been with us for several years and are still interested to continue their work.

X-RAY—Margaret Brauer sailed on the Liner Gripsholm on Sept. 7th for a six weeks' trip to Norway. She will visit her Grandmother who, though very old and extremely frail, surprisingly withstood the rigors of the war years.

Dr. Marks has returned from a trip to the Middle West, where he visited hospitals in many of the larger cities.

THE GREATER BOSTON COMMUNITY FUND—The Greater Boston Community Fund will soon start its 1947 campaign. Remember that 330 Red Feather services, among them this hospital, are dependent upon the money raised to carry on their work. Our Social Service Department refers many patients to such agencies as the Visiting Nurse Associations, convalescent homes, Family Societies, Children's Aid Associations, Y. W. C. A.'s, and Settlement houses for services to complete the work started here. The hospital, in many cases, could not do as good a job as it does in returning sick people to health without the help of other Community Fund agencies, as evidenced by story below.

So, be generous in your gift! How often do you have a coke? Remember that two cokes a week give the Fund $5.20. One cigarette a day gives the Fund $3.65. Our hospital has always stood high in its collective contribution to the Community Fund, and we would like to maintain our record.

A LUCKY DAY—Johnny, three years old, is blonde, blue-eyed, with a sunny disposition, and a keen mind. Since the age of one year, he had suffered from a lung abscess and had been in and out of hospitals with no benefit. He finally was sent to us, and after careful study, it was decided he must have his entire lung removed. He withstood the operation well and remained in the hospital two months. Because it was necessary for the surgeon to see him regularly, the Social Service Department arranged for his admission to a children's convalescent home near Boston. Transportation to and from the doctor's office was provided by the Red Cross and regularly letters were sent to the parents, informing them of his progress.

At last the day came, Friday, September 13, 1946, when he was felt to be entirely cured and was returned to his family in Maine, after an absence of six months.

SPORTS—Would you be interested in a bowling team, or teams? Several people have mentioned, from time to time, the possibility of having basketball, baseball or bowling teams. Let's start with bowling! If you are interested, get in touch with Charles Schraub. If he gets enough replies, we promise some action.

STAFF NOTES—Dr. E. P. Joslin and Dr. Priscilla White were principal speakers at the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Meeting of the American diabetic Association in Toronto last month. Dr. Marble and Mrs. Leech also appeared on the program, demonstrating their laboratory and experimental work. Dr. White's amazing success with diabetic pregnancies astounded the medical world.

It's good to see Dr. Hoover around again after his enforced absence of several weeks.

Dr. Carl Ernlund plans to fly to Sweden on October 10th for a few weeks' stay, combining business and pleasure.

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